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was done in the matter. He requested that the restoration of the canal might receive the early consideration of the Government.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

37. *Conversion of four village roads in the Chengannur taluk into cartable roads.*

Mr. Aiyappan Aiyappan(Member, Chengannur Taluk) said that, though the Main Central Road passed through the taluk, there were no proper feeder roads in the taluk. There were certain village roads which, owing to the breaches caused by floods, were in a bad condition. The question of improving them had been brought to the notice of the Government at the previous Assemblies, but the works were not yet taken in hand. Owing to the situation of the public offices, the Aranmula temple and several markets in the taluk, the proposed roads were very essential. He therefore requested that the following village roads might be converted into cartable roads :—

(1) From Mavelikara to Aranmula.

(2) From Kumbazha to Kozhencheri. The road should be metalled.

(3) From the 67th mile stone of the Main Central Road to Omallur.

(4) From Omallur to Elanthoor Thenguntharapadi. This road was constructed by the public. The culverts on the road should also be repaired.

The Member added that, of the roads, the first two were comparatively the most important.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

38. *Conversion of the trace from Thiruvella to Kozhencheri into a cart-road.*

Mr. Vasudevan Subramonian Moothathu (Member Thiruvella Taluk) said that the eastern group of villages of the taluk had been suffering for a long time for want of a proper road. The people of the taluk had spent much in constructing the trace from Thiruvella to Kozhencheri. The necessity for making the road cartable had been recognised by the Government and the work (item No. 8 in the list of public works in the Kottayam Division) was proposed to be taken up *in its turn* in the programme of works and an estimate had been called for for the same. The road was seven miles long and there were only three bridges and a few culverts to be repaired. These works were estimated to cost only Rs. 4,200. In view of the importance of the works and the trifling cost involved, the Member requested that the Government might be pleased to exercise their discretion and order the road being taken up *at once* and not *in its turn*. If that could not be

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done, he said that the trace, which was in a fairly good condition, might be left alone for the present and that the repair of the bridges and culverts at least might be put in hand, so that the convenience of the people might be served.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

89. *Extension of three of the existing roads in Alleppey.*

Mr. P. John (Member, Alleppey Trading Classes) requested the following road extensions:—

(1) The Wadai Canal Road on the northern side of the canal should be extended up to the Vattakayal. The extension was required only for a few yards. At present, four steam-launches were taken into the canal and anchored there. The canal was being spoiled by the people and traffic was rendered difficult. If the road were extended, the steam launches could anchor at the Vattakayal. A cart road was urgently required to the steam boat landing.

(2) The southern road by the side of the Wadai Canal should be extended up to the end of the canal and connected with the Commercial Canal Road on the northern side along the canal side.

(3) The Commercial Canal Road should be extended to the Pallathuruthi river at least on one side.

Dewan's reply.—The works suggested are noted.

90. *Public works in the Alleppey town.*

Mr. F. F. Mackay (Member, T. I. C., Alleppey) said that he agreed with Mr. John in all that he had asked for.

He stated that the public works in Alleppey were in a worse condition now than they were 18 years ago, and it was surprising that it was so, even though the town was increasing in population and trade. In the opinion of the Member, that was due to the abolition of the office of Commercial Agent, who was the head of a Department with powers of corresponding direct with the Government and expending money at his discretion. Nobody had since taken his place.

Dealing with the public works in Alleppey, the Member first referred to the admittedly bad condition of the Commercial Canal and the proposal to improve it in a period of five years. He learnt that a sum of Rs. 15,000 had been sanctioned for 1086 for repairing the landing ghats. He said that, considering the trade of Alleppey, the people required the use of the canal every day, and, according to the scheme laid out by the Public Works Department, only portions of the canal would be repaired every year. The

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